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REF: A) JOHANNESBURG 0454
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1. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS BASED ON FOODSTUFFS, COSMETICS AND
DISINFECTANTS ACT NO. 54 OF 1972 AND CONVERSATIONS WITH MINISTRY
OF HEALTH OFFICIAL.

2. INGREDIENTS: "NO HARMFUL INGREDIENTS; I.E. POISONS OR
POISONOUS SUBSTANCES" MAY BE INCLUDED IN A COSMETIC. "POISONS"
ARE DEFINED IN THE 4TH SCHEDULE OF THE MEDICAL, DENTAL AND PHARMACY
ACT OF 1928 AND "POISONOUS SUBSTANCES" ARE DEFINED IN SECTION 82
OF SAME ACT. INGREDIENTS NEED NOT RPT NOT BE REGISTERED EITHER BY
QUANTITY OR QUALITY WITH GOVERNMENT BODY.

3. PACKAGING: THERE ARE NO PACKAGE SIZE REQUIREMENTS BUT, AS OF
NOVEMBER 2, 1973, ALL PACKAGE SIZES AND LABELING MUST BE IN METRIC
MEASURES. ALL CONTAINERS MUST HAVE NAME OF COSMETIC, NAME AND
ADDRESS OF MANUFACTURER (IF LOCALLY PRODUCED) OR NAME AND ADDRESS
OF IMPORTER OR DISTRIBUTOR ON WHOSE BEHALF ORDER WAS MADE UP (IF
IMPORTED). INDIVIDUAL CONTAINERS NEED NOT RPT NOT BEAR NAME OF
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND LABELS CAN BE PRINTED ONLY IN ENGLISH
(NOT AFRIKAANS).

4. ADVERTISING: REGULATIONS PROHIBITING "FALSE DESCRIPTION
OF ARTICLES" ARE SAME REGARDLESS OF MEDIUM AND ARE CONTAINED
ACT CITED (PARA 1). BASICALLY A PERSON SHALL BE GUILTY OF
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AN OFFENCE IF HE: A) PUBLISHES A FALSE OR MISLEADING

ADVERTISEMENT OF ANY COSMETIC. B) FOR PURPOSE OF SALE,
DESCRIBES ANY COSMETIC IN A MANNER WHICH IS FALSE OR MISLEADING
AS REGARDS ITS ORIGIN, NATURE, SUBSTANCE, COMPOSITION, QUALITY,
STRENGTH, NUTRITIVE VALUE (FOODSTUFFS) OR OTHER PROPERTIES
AT THE TIME, MODE OR PLACE OF ITS MANUFACTURE. C) SELLS
OR IMPORTS FOR SALE ANY COSMETIC DESCRIBED IN THE MANNER AFORESAID.

5. CENTRAL AUTHORITY REGULATING COSMETIC INDUSTRY IS MINISTRY
OF HEALTH, PRIVATE BAG 88, PRETORIA. TRADE ASSOCIATION IS
PHARMACEUTICAL AND CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION OF S.A.
LTD., P.O. BOX 933, PRETORIA.
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